

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND SPECIFIC ISSUES

Q. Can you tell us how the CIA contributes as regards the making of American policy in Vietnam; how you personally feel about the President's policy there.

A. Agency personnel in Vietnam are under the control of Ambassador Lodge and participate in the work of the Embassy there as required. In Washington, CIA experts on Vietnam produce daily intelligence reports as a vital contribution to our government's consideration of the issues.

The CIA, of course, is not responsible for deciding matters of policy, but is in position to advise policy-makers on the consequences or likely results of any given policy decision. We supply this advice when we are asked for it and we are asked frequently.

(Personal views on Vietnam - up to Admiral Raborn.)

Q. How deep is the Sino-Soviet split?

What are the implications of this rift?

A. There is little question in my mind that Moscow's and Peiping's views on various international issues are in fundamental divergence. I personally believe however that we can^{not} take much solace from this. Cold war conflicts and confrontations between East and West will be with us for a long time to come, I'm afraid. We've got to keep our guard up.

Q. How important do you believe the factor of world opinion should be in formulation of American foreign policy?

A. I believe that world opinion is sufficiently important to ensure that a due regard for it is among those things to be considered before a foreign policy decision is made but I believe also that world opinion must not be allowed to be the decisive factor. Very little would be done if it were so allowed.

Q. Is there rapport between the FBI and the CIA? Did President Johnson send FBI agents into Santo Domingo to spy on or to assist the CIA during the recent trouble?

A. There is complete rapport. The two Agencies have full liaison and daily contact. The FBI agents and the CIA representatives worked on their assigned missions in full harmony and cooperation and neither was checking or spying on the other.

Q. A lot of universities seem to think they should not have anything to do with CIA and point out the fact that Michigan State University was used as a cover for CIA operations.

A. MSU was not used in any way as a cover for CIA operations. The University had an AID contract for police training in Southeast Asia and neither AID nor the University had people with the knowledge and expertise required for the training program. The Agency had people so qualified and at the request of AID, and with the knowledge of MSU, detailed employees to this program, and these employees were merely a part of the police training team. As to the relations with universities

generally, I see no reason why the U. S. Government should not get the benefit of the vast knowledge and research capabilities of the academic community, and research for the U. S. Government does not in any way affect academic freedom nor should it in any way impugn the reputations of the U. S. universities in this country or abroad. The national security is faced with an enormous variety of complex problems that need the best minds to work on them wherever they can be found.

Q. Is it true that CIA has used Fulbright scholarships as "cover" in its foreign intelligence efforts and that you refused to answer such an inquiry from Senator Fulbright?

A. The National Security Act makes the Director of Central Intelligence exclusively responsible for protecting the security of American intelligence sources and methods. I was authorized to discuss such matters only with the special Congressional sub-committees with responsibilities for oversight of Agency matters, not with any others.

Q. Recently, George Carver, a CIA official, had an article on Vietnam published in FOREIGN AFFAIRS without identification as a Government employee. Senator Fulbright asked if CIA would have cleared an article for publication by a CIA employee if such article were critical of the Administration. What's your answer?

A. CIA employees do not publish articles as a means of supporting or criticizing the policies of the Administration. On these rare occasions, when an Agency employee does submit an article for publication, Agency regulations require that it not violate security or disclose classified information.

Q. ISVESTIA charges CIA is using American visitors to the USSR as spies. Is it a false or true charge?

A. ISVESTIA and its propaganda efforts can sound pretty silly at times.

Q. Does the Soviet Union spy in the U.S.
and if so who is their chief spy?

A. Of course it does. Espionage is a practice of every government. The Chief of the Soviet intelligence department -- the KGB -- is Vladimir Semichastny.

Q. There is a lawsuit in the Federal court in Baltimore by an Estonian who says he was slandered by another Estonian, and the defense is that the slanders were uttered at the direction of CIA. What is the CIA doing operating within the United States and what is its authority to slander individuals?

A. CIA is authorized and has a duty to obtain foreign intelligence information from any source whatsoever, inside or outside the United States. As to the lawsuit, this is presently before a Federal judge, and I believe it would be improper for me to comment on the action or appear in any way to be trying to affect the outcome of the case.

Q. There have been a number of newspaper and magazine stories about an ex-RAF pilot named Hawke who is under indictment for illegally exporting B-26 airplanes to Portugal. He has said publicly that he was authorized to fly these planes to Portugal by CIA and that this will be his defense. What authority does CIA have to authorize such a transaction?

A. Hawke's claim of CIA approval has been publicly denied by the Agency. CIA never employed or utilized Hawke in any capacity or took any part in the transfer of B-26's to Portugal.

Q. Is there any truth to Victor Reuther's charge that CIA is involved in the AFL-CIO overseas unions through Jay Lovestone, a former Communist, and the American Institute for Free Labor?

A. No comment. By no comment, please do not assume that this means that the real answer is in the affirmative.

Q. In his book, "A Thousand Days," Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., states that CIA personnel overseas "under official cover" number almost as many as State Department employees. State is said to have 6,600 overseas. Was Prof. Schlesinger accurate?

A. Figures pertaining to the numerical strength of intelligence personnel are classified. I cannot divulge them.

Q. "The Haitian Coalition" in New York, an exile organization aimed at overthrowing President Duvalier of Haiti is said to be subsidized by the CIA and Duvalier according to the Miami Herald has complained against the coalition to our State Department. Does CIA subsidize this outfit and does it subsidize other emigre organizations within the United States?

A. No comment. Without implying in any way any kind of Agency association with "The Haitian Coalition" let me say that CIA has the duty and responsibility to collect intelligence pertaining to a situation broad from whatever source may possess the intelligence.

Q. Is General Edward Lansdale a CIA representative in Vietnam and is his pacification plan a CIA plan?

A. General Lansdale is not a CIA representative in Vietnam. CIA is interested in and helps with U. S. efforts to pacify areas in South Vietnam previously under Viet Cong control and to help the South Vietnamese to improve their social and economic situations.

**Q. Was the Berlin tunnel a CIA project?
Was CIA responsible for unseating Premier Mossadeg in Iran and for toppling the pro-Communist Arbenz government in Guatemala in the 1950's?**

A. I cannot comment on matters which may or may not relate to specific clandestine operations.

Q. Basing his claim on an article by Patricia Blake in the April 1963 issue of the magazine ENCOUNTER, Vladimir Kochetov says Soviet poet Evtushenko and his friends have been consorting with an American female CIA agent. Miss Blake had described how she and others supped on chocolate and sweet champagne in the Actors' Club in Moscow. Does CIA have female spies and is Miss Blake one as charged?

A. Let the Communists wonder. I have no comment.